

20-16375

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

KRISTIN M. PERRY, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
FRANCISCO,**

Intervenor-Plaintiff-Appellee,

KQED, INC.,

Intervenor-Appellee,

v.

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees.

DENNIS HOLLINGSWORTH; et al.,

Intervenor-Defendants-Appellants,

and

PATRICK O'CONNELL; et al.,

Defendants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of California

No. 3:09-cv-02292-WHO
The Honorable William H. Orrick, Judge

**STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION
FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL**

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State Defendants-Appellees oppose the motion for stay pending appeal. Dkt. # 2-1. In order to obtain a stay, appellants must (1) make a strong showing that they are likely to succeed on the merits, and (2) demonstrate that they will be irreparably injured absent a stay. *Al Otro Lado v. Wolf*, 952 F.3d 999, 1006-7 (9th Cir. 2020). Appellants have done neither.

As the district court found:

[T]he Proponents again failed to submit any evidence by declaration that any Proponent or witness who testified on behalf of the Proponents wants the trial recordings to remain under seal. There is no evidence that any Proponent or trial witness fears retaliation or harassment if the recordings are released. Nor is there any evidence that any Proponent or trial witness on behalf of the Proponents believed at the time or believes now that Judge Walker's commitment to personal use of the recordings meant that the trial recordings would remain under seal forever.

Dkt. # 2-1, App. 3. The district court was correct, nothing has changed on appeal, and Appellants' motion therefore must be denied.

It has now been more than ten years since the historic trial in this action. Given the strong presumption in favor of access to court records, and the public interest in transparency, this Court should deny the motion and allow the release of the video recordings on August 12 pursuant to the district court's order. *See Wolf*, 952 F.3d at 1007 (in determining whether to stay an order pending appeal, court considers "where the public interest lies"); *Courthouse News Serv. v. Planet*, 947 F.3d 581, 589 (9th Cir. 2020) ("Openness in judicial proceedings enhances both

the basic fairness of the proceeding and the appearance of fairness so essential to public confidence in the system . . . and forms an indispensable predicate to free expression about the workings of government.”) (citations and internal quotations omitted).

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